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Dear Secretary of State / Planning inspectorate

I have heard concerning reports that despite very fixed and clear timelines being set out for this process, the Applicant in the above case is yet again ignoring the rules and planning to introduce new submissions despite their deadline for do this having passed. Currently we are in a defined period where interested parties may comment on the applicant's submissions but it is not intended to permit further submissions by the applicant.

This continues a well documented pattern of behavior by the applicant. They have either failed to submit required documentation, demanded extensions to simply meet their obligations or as in this case, simply tried to ignore the rules of the process entirely.

I believe it would be totally unacceptable for you to accept any additional submissions from the applicant made after the mandated deadline and to do so, would reward an applicant who clearly feels that they are "above", due process, as defined in the statutory framework established by the Planning Act 2008.

Tolerating such behavior would totally undermine the legitimacy of the entire process in this case and going forward. We cannot live in a country where power and financial clout ride roughshod over the rules and we must at all costs, avoid a Gianni Infantino approach to rules and the power of money to ignore them.

I would therefore respectful request that the SoS not accept submissions of new material from the Applicant.

with kind regards

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